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# East Asia Nations Celebrate Tencho Setsu

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## PROGRAMME FOR TENCHO SETSU CELEBRATIONS

Today is Tencho-setsu, the birthday of His Imperial Majesty TENNO HEIKA. It is a festive and auspicious occasion for all subjects of His Imperial Majesty throughout Nippon and the people in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

Syonan, in common with other parts of Malai and other territories in the Co-Prosperity Sphere, will observe the day in a fitting manner, with great jubilation, and everyone in this City will fervently pray for his longevity and happiness, in spite of the critical stage of the Dai Toa Senso which is being fought relentlessly at so great a sacrifice to establish co-prosperity and co-existence in East Asia.

Highlighting the gala program, which will be participated in by all communities here, is a mass rally to be held at the Special Municipality plaza this morning at 9 o'clock at which the Mayor will preside. Committee members of the Indian, Chinese, Malai, Eurasian and Arab Welfare Associations and the Konan Hoko Kai will participate in this rally.

During the day various entertainment programs have been arranged, while in the evening the respective communities will hold separate mass rallies at different theatres.

The first son of the late Emperor Taisho, His Imperial Majesty TENNO HEIKA was born at the Aoyama Palace, Tokyo, on April 29, 1901. He had his early education at the Peers' School and, on completing his elementary education in 1914, he pursued the study of various subjects in a special school instituted under Admiral Togo.

In 1921 His Majesty made a tour of Europe, a privilege which, it may be mentioned, no other Crown Prince had enjoyed before him, and which gave him a unique opportunity to observe and study personally the various phases of life in the Western world.

Shortly after his return from the tour, he was appointed Regent on Nov. 25, 1921, owing to the failing health of Emperor Taisho. His marriage took place on January 26, 1924, his consort being Princess Nagako.

On the death of his father on December 25, 1926, he succeeded to the Throne.

His Imperial Majesty takes a keen interest in the welfare of his people and a striking example of his solicitude to them was provided in the magnificent donation of Yen 10,000,000 which he contributed last week to the air raid relief funds, in addition to the personal inspections he had undertaken to areas affected by indiscriminate enemy air raids.

His Imperial Majesty is known to the people as the TENSHI, the SON of HEAVEN or TENNO, HEAVENLY KING. The Imperial Dynasty of Nippon is the oldest reigning family in the world, Nippon History dating its earthly origin from 660 B.C.

## *The Great Tencho Setsu*

TODAY is a Great Day—Tencho Setsu, the Birthday Anniversary of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Nippon. On this most auspicious occasion, today, Indians in East Asia are profoundly happy to associate themselves with their Nippon brethren and other Asiatic Nations, liberated from the clutches of the Western nations, in the celebration of the auspicious occasion.

We, Indians, are particularly delighted today to join in the Tencho Setsu observance. It is under His Imperial Majesty's inspiration that Nippon unsheathed the sword of justice to remove the last vestige of Anglo-American piracy from our sacred Motherland and to restore India to her former glory. Since the ignoble exit of Western imperialism from East Asia we have been enjoying freedom and today we are no longer hewers of wood and drawers of water. We have been given a new status—the status of a free and independent nation. It became possible for Indians in East Asia to organise the Indian Independence League and the Indian National Army. With the creation of the National Army, it became possible to set up our own Government—the Provisional Government of Azad Hind—to lead the Azad Hind Fauj to battle and on to victory. And today the brave warriors of Nippon, inspired by the sublime ideals of universal brotherhood and world peace based on Justice espoused by His Imperial Majesty, are fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Indian comrades-at-arm against the common Anglo-American enemies. And on this auspicious day, we Indians are happy to register our eternal gratitude to the Nippon heroes who wage India's war of liberation and pay our most humble tribute to the August Virtues of His Imperial Majesty.

The noble ideals with which the mighty forces of His Imperial Majesty went to war, the sweeping successes they wrested from the enemy and the liberation of East Asiatic countries groaning under the trampling feet of Western imperialism, will all go down to posterity.

Today, the solemn prayers of three million Indians, together with the prayers of one billion people of East Asia go to Heaven for the long life and continued happiness of His Imperial Majesty, for the ultimate victory in the Greater East Asia War and for the everlasting glory of the Empire. May His Imperial Majesty shine as a beacon for many more years to come to guide the destinies of the mighty Nippon Empire and the destinies of other East Asiatic nations.

## Record Crowd At All-Community Grand Musical Concert Yesterday In Honour Of Tencho Setsu

The special musical concert organised by the various local communities in commemoration of Tencho-setsu with a view to promoting communal harmony drew a record attendance at the Dai Toa Gekijo yesterday evening.

The concert which was held with the support of the local newspapers and the Elga Haikyu-sha, was an unqualified success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all sections of the community present.

The concert was got up by the Syonan Ongkaku Kyokai, under the auspices of the Indian, Chinese, Malai, Eurasian and Arab organisations, and thanks are due to the various communal organisations for the excellent items of music which their artistes had contributed towards the success of the programme.

The programme comprised three items of Indian music, Kronchong Music, vocal solo items, vocal ensembles and gamalan music all of which were exquisitely rendered to the delight of the cosmopolitan gathering.

The Indian section of the programme opened with an overture—Deri E Shingun "Marching on to Delhi"—by Govemdran, followed by the popular Hindustani National Song—Sare Jahan Se Achha—which was sung by Kumari S. N Saraswathy. The other item was a dance item—Aya Mangal Teohar—which was performed by Kumari Indira Nair to the accompaniment of music by Abdul Rahman and his ensemble. The item was performed with great artistic skill and was much appreciated by all sections of the audience

Today at 8 p.m. there is a musical concert at the Dai Toa Gekijo, the Indian items being "Deepak" Dance led by Miss Indira Nair and "Jalatharangam" by Miss Mercy Anthony, assisted by Miss S. N. Saraswathy and 2/Lt. Abdul Rahman.

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## LEADERS RENEW LOYALTY PLEDGE TO NIPPON GOVT.

Syonan, April 29 (Domei)—Community leaders in congratulatory messages made on the auspicious occasion of Tencho-setsu, which is being celebrated throughout East Asia today, renew their loyalty to Nippon and, at the same time, re-affirm to give fullest co-operation to the administration so that the War of Greater East Asia will terminate in Nippon's complete victory over the enemies of all mankind.

Attributing the birth of Greater East Asia and the Co-Prosperity Sphere to the divine and august virtue of TENNO HEIKA, Sri M. K. Chidambaram, Chairman of the Syonan Chapter of the Indian Independence League, declares, "The people of Asia pray for the longevity and continued prosperity of TENNO HEIKA and all members of the Imperial Household."

Indians of East Asia, with the war situation intensifying from day to day, are more resolved than ever in the past to pitch all they possess for their country's liberation, rather than revert to their former slavery and oppression, Chairman Chidambaram adds

"As we celebrate Tencho-setsu, the writing on the wall points to the inevitable fall of the Anglo-Americans before the might and justice of Nippon," declares Tuan Mohamed Hassan Awang, president of the Malai Welfare Association in his message. The Malais have pledged their loyalty and staunch support to Nippon's sacred cause. Thousands of Malais are today playing their role in this war. Able-bodied sons of the soil are helping their Nippon brothers-in-arms through joining the Malai Volunteer Army, Volunteer Corps and Auxiliary Servicemen's Corps. It is this spirit of patriotism and self-sacrifice concludes Tuan Hassan, that every Malai should cultivate for the enurement of final victory.

Vice-Chairman of the Publicity Department of the Syonan Oversea-Chinese Association Lim Chong-pang, in his message, says: "On this auspicious occasion, let us take the opportunity of extending felicitations to TENNO HEIKA and the Imperial Household and of praying for TENNO HEIKA'S longevity, happiness and prosperity."

This current war, he continues, as is known to all, is being fought to establish Asia for Asiatics, and as Asiatics, it is our bounden duty to contribute our very best to the work that

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# INDIAN INDEPENDENCE ISSUE SHALL NOT BE DECIDED AT CONFERENCE TABLES; IT SHALL ONLY BE SETTLED ON BATTLEFIELD

(By P. K. N.)

We are proud and happy today to associate ourselves with the birthday celebration of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Nippon. We are sure that every one of the three million Indians in East Asia, is proud of having such a privilege. We Indians are proud and happy to associate ourselves with this memorable celebration not merely as brother Asiatics, but because we enjoy the facilities for a free and peaceful life in this country which has been liberated from British domination.

As we celebrate the Tencho Setsu in East Asia, there is being enacted on the other side of the Pacific, at San Francisco, a farce known as World Security Conference. Representatives of 46 anti-Axis nations are sitting together in conference to find out, as the Anglo-American propagandists so loudly proclaim, "ways and means of establishing an organization which will guarantee future security and world peace." The number of nations taking part in this conference is truly impressive. But these nations are there not out of their own free choice. They are there because the so-called Big Three —Britain, United States and Soviet Russia—want them to be there. They will remain there as mere spectators to the farce and the Big Three will do all the acting. India is also 'represented' at this Conference.

When we hear of India being represented we may naturally think that some outstanding personalities like Mahatmaji, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru or Maulana Abul Kalam Azad may be there to speak for India. But India is 'represented' at this conference by a few British hirelings who have no standing among their countrymen and who are helping their British masters to tighten their stranglehold on India. One of these hirelings, Sir Feroz Khan Noon, who is the Defence Member of the Governor-General's Executive Council, created a sensation the other day when he stated at the Empire Conference in London that under the very nose of the British Government India has grown practically to Dominion Status without their (British Government's) knowledge. Even such diehard Tories like Churchill and Amery never claimed that India is anything like a self-governing Dominion. Just imagine how truly this gentleman, along with two others of the same feather, will represent India at this conference.

The very fact that such traitors as Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon are representing India at San Francisco is a convincing proof that India will not benefit in the least from such a conference. They will play the ignoble role of chorus boys to the representatives of Britain. These representatives have already got their instructions as to what to speak and what not to speak and when to speak. The so-called Empire Conference held in London a few weeks ago was a full-dress rehearsal of the farce now being enacted by the British and their Dominions and colonies in San Francisco.

It does not require much of a genius to know that almost all the wars fought in the past were between 'haves' and 'have nots." Countries like Britain who have vast colonies are satisfied with what they have and want to keep the status quo. Whenever any country became powerful to challenge their right to exploit the world, the 'have' countries headed by Britain never hesitated to crush that country on any silly pretext. Thus the last European war was brought about because of Britain's growing fear of German power. Britain started this war also not to safeguard the independence of Poland as she often piously professes but to crush German power which, she feared, may challenge her rights to exploit weaker nations. If Britain were involved in this war to safeguard the independence of Poland, as she wants the world to believe. then she would have long ago been at war with Soviet Russia who has annexed a substantial part of Poland to her territory. The war in the Pacific was also provoked by Britain and America for the same reason.

As long as one country keeps in subjection another country there is bound to be war in the world. If the United Nations are sincere in their desire for future world peace they have only one way left open to them and that is by granting independence to all the countries they have brought under subjection. There is no other key for world peace. Any number of conferences will not help them in the least.

In a statement issued recently our revered Mahatma Gandhi reiterated his conviction that an indispensable preliminary to world peace is the complete freedom of India from all foreign shackles.

What are the prospects of success at the San Francisco Conference? Even the so-called Big Three never expected anything to come out of this Conference. This was meant only as a propaganda stunt to mislead weaker nations in helping the Anglo-American war efforts. Neither Britain, nor the United States nor Russia sincerely looks forward to this conference as a means to establish world security. Every one of them is there to promote its own selfish interests. Russia fears that in San Francisco the United States with her satellites of Central and South America and Britain with her Dominions and dependencies will combine together, and taking advantage of the thumping majority of votes at their disposal, will be in a position to out-manoeuvre her. The only country on whose vote Russia can safely rely is Poland and Poland is not invited to the Conference. Hence Russia is not enthusiastic of the outcome of this conference and distrusts the Anglo-American good intentions.

We Indians need not be concerned about what is happening in San Francisco. What is happening there is a matter of supreme indifference to us. The "united nations" may resolve to form another League of Nations which will be so constituted as to serve their selfish interests. As long as such an organisation is to their advantage, they will serve it. But when it stands in the way of their selfish interests they will simply ignore the existence of such an institution as happened in the case of the former League of Nations and the recent Atlantic Charter. We Indians have only one thought in our minds. That is the independence of our country. India is not going to gain her independence at conference tables but her fate will be decided on battlefields on the Indo-Burma frontier. We will have to fight and win our independence. We are prepared to fight to the bitter end: until we gain our independence. As long as the shores of our sacred motherland are darkened by foreigners, we will fight.

We are not fighting alone. We have the all-out support of powerful allies. The fighting forces of Nippon and the entire Nippon Empire have taken up the cause of India's liberation as the common cause of all Asia. It is the sublime ideal espoused by His Imperial Majesty, it is the gracious Command of His Majesty that is inspiring the Nippon warriors to the most selfless service and sacrifice in the noble cause of the emancipation of their Indian brethren. That is why we, Indians in East Asia, are overjoyed to share the sentiments of our Nippon brethren on this auspicious day. We Indians in East Asia on this auspicious day offer our humble and solemn prayers for the long life and happiness of His Imperial Majesty and for the everlasting glory of the Nippon Empire.

# Anglo-U.S. Conspiracy Exposed; Seven-Point Declaration Aimed At East Asia's Reconstruction

(By D. R.)

All East Asia is celebrating today the 44th Anniversary of the Birthday of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Nippon. Not merely the hundred million people of that great country but the billion inhabitants of the rich and vast regions comprised in Manchoukuo, National China, Indo-China, the Philippines, Thailand, Malai. Indonesia and Burma regard this day as an occasion for national rejoicing and festivity.

The reason is obvious. It was in the blessed reign of this AUGUST TENNO that East Asians threw off the chains which the British and the American imperialisms had rivetted on them for decades. Forced into the Greater East Asia War by the inordinate greed of Britain and America, our TENNO by a gracious Rescript, decreed that his people should fight that war not only in defence of their own interests but also for the liberation of the neighbours in East Asia.

That epoch-making Rescript has had a marvellously rapid fulfilment, as the world knows. East Asia, except for the Anglo-American puppet, Chungking, is now a family of free and independent nations knit together for mutual security against Anglo-American aggression.

The terms for their mutual collaboration for the good of humanity in general and East Asians in particular were lucidly set forth in the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations issued from Tokyo in the early part of November 2603, as a sequel to the deliberations of the Assembly of Greater East Asiatic Nations, in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as the Head of the Provisional Government of Free India, took a part.

It is in pursuance of the spirit of that historic Joint Declaration which may be rightly called the Magna Charta of East Asian Liberty, that the Ambassadors of Greater East Asiatic Nations met in Tokyo on the 23rd of this month and reiterated, on behalf of their respective countries, their firm resolve to fight until the Anglo-American enemies are crushed and ultimate victory won by the peoples of Greater East Asia.

The gist of the seven-point declaration issued by the above Conference is as follows:

Firstly, the East Asiatic countries will strive to eliminate Anglo-American racial discrimination and achieve the principles of co-prosperity and co-existence.

Secondly, the East Asiatic countries will refuse to recognise Anglo-American intervention in the internal affairs of East Asiatic countries.

Thirdly, the East Asiatic nations will strive for emancipation of all races subject to oppression in Anglo-American colonial possessions.

Fourthly, the East Asiatic countries will endeavour to liquidate Anglo-American economic imperialism and oppression.

Fifthly, the East Asiatic countries will firmly oppose Anglo-American political and military aggression.

Sixthly. the East Asiatic nations will strive to enhance and mutually foster their individual cultures.

Seventhly, the East Asiatic countries will endeavour to establish a new security structure based on justice.

This memorable declaration, one can see, is an honest and straightforward blueprint for the reconstruction of East Asiatic countries in an atmosphere of friendliness and co-operation among themselves, on a basis of freedom from alien tyranny and freedom from alien exploitation.

In glaring contrast to all this are the post-war plans of the British and the Americans. They want to re-establish their former domination over East Asia, and resume their erstwhile exploitation of its peoples. The San Francisco Conference is nothing but an ingenious machinery for a few big nations to lord it over the earth. The fact that a vast country like India with a population of 400 millions had no more than a puppet representation at San Francisco is enough to prove the farcical character of the much-publicised gathering there.

May it be given to our TENNO to see the complete frustration of the wicked plots that the Anglo-Americans are hatching against us Asians. That should be the prayer of every true Indian on this auspicious day of His Imperial Majesty's 44th Birth Anniversary.


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# Nippon Forced To Take Up Arms For Legitimate Rights Of Man; U.S. Responsible For E. A. War

(By CHANDRA GUPTA)

Tokyo, April 2 (Domei)—President Harry Truman made his first speech on April 16 to a joint session of the Congress. The speech is characteristic of the personality behind it. It is more or less confused, couched in hypocrisy and lacks clarity. A tone of fear and pessimism prevails throughout the speech. The only significant factor in the speech is that it is devoid of all thunder and lightning with which similar speeches delivered by his predecessor were accompanied. Of course, Harry Truman has also followed the trail of his predecessor in as much as the problems of war and peace were concerned. He too harps on the same string that nothing short of unconditional surrender will be acceptable to the anti-Axis Powers. President Truman says: "We will not traffic with breakers of peace on terms of peace." Now let me ask this new President of the United States what he means by "breakers" of peace? Who are the "breakers" of peace? The Axis Powers or the anti-Axis Powers?

As far as the Greater East Asia War is concerned Truman will remember that, a couple of years ago, a high British official admitted that Nippon was provoked to enter into this war by the United States. This confession of the British official led to a serious conflict between the United States and Britain as a result of which the official was forced to withdraw his statement to appease the Americans. But lies can be laughed off while truth remains a sober thing. Nippon was compelled to take up arms to defend her legitimate rights. The anti-Axis Powers by imposing freezing orders and other heavy demands tried to crush Nippon for no reasons. Nippon tried her best for an amicable settlement of the matter by negotiations. But Nippon's sincerity for a peaceful settlement of the affair in spite of the high-handed steps of the anti-Axis Powers was misunderstood by America as a sign of weakness and wanted to exploit it. Well it was then that Nippon showed herself to the world in her true colours.

Can any man with a little sense of justice and common sense claim it as violation of the human law? It is just like calling a man, who is surrounded and strangled by a set of ruffians, an aggressor when he fails to convince his opponents their mistake and resorts to the only language they understand. Truman was a judge and let him judge things as they stand without any fear or favour instead of following the cooked-up story of his predecessor and his gang. One cannot help laughing when one reads that portion of Truman's speech in which he says: "Today the entire world is looking to America for an enlightened leadership to peace and progress." Yes, there was a time when the world looked to American leadership. But those days are gone now. What would De Gaulle say to the American leadership? He showed it by his action by refusing to have an interview with the late President Roosevelt.

The Polish Government in London knows what American leadership is and also almost all the "liberated" countries of Europe. Here in East Asia the Filipinos, even a child in the cradle, can tell what American leadership means. And yet the new President has the cheek to talk about the American leadership to peace and progress. Against the will of the American public, against the avowed principles of the United States Government, nay, against human decency and justice, the late President Roosevelt plunged his country into the war with which she had nothing to do. And now is the time for the American public and their new President to reflect over their past mistakes and try not to repeat them by their withdrawing from the suicidal imperialistic policy followed by their late President Only such a step could ensure peace and progress.

## Pressmen's Vital Role Emphasised At Meeting

Kuala Lumpur, April 25 (Domei)—The important role of newspapermen in leading public opinion was stressed at a joint conference of representatives from all states of the Domei News Agency and the Syonan Shimbun-kai held at Taiping on April 18. High military officials including Gun Hodo-bucho S. Ohgi and staff officers of the Gunseikanbu were also present.

The occasion marked the reorganization of the Syonan Shimbun-kai under the management of the Domei News Agency.

Addressing the conference, Mr. Takahashi, General Manager of the Syonan Shimbun-kai's Malai General Office, urged all editors—real leaders of the various communities—to lead the public and let them realise that the only way to overcome the present difficulties is to win the war, after which prosperity will be theirs.

Major-General Umezu of the Gunseikanbu emphasized the paramount duty of newspapermen in leading public opinion, especially at this decisive stage of the war. War conditions, he said, are becoming more and more severe but, he declared, final victory will be ours, for God is always on the side of those who persist with a will to achieve happiness.

Gun Hodo-bucho Ohgi next addressed the pressmen. He said, "You must always realise the solemn role of newspapermen. It is sincerely hoped that all newspapers under the military administration will exert their best endeavours in helping to carry out the current war to final victory by leading public opinion at all times.

# EAST ASIA NATIONS ENJOINED TO RALLY ROUND NIPPON; MUST BE EVER PREPARED TO PAY UNGRUDGINGLY FREEDOM'S PRICE

(By 2|LT. P. K. NAIR)

Today the hearts of the 100 million people of Nippon and the many more millions of East Asia beat in unison as they solemnly observe "TENCHO SETSU," the Birthday Anniversary of TENNO HEIKA, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Nippon, who by the will of Heaven and the grace of the hallowed spirits of His Imperial Ancestors sits on the Throne of a line unbroken for ages eternal. This is the fourth Tencho Setsu that the peoples of Malai and East Asia are celebrating since their liberation from Anglo-American yoke. On this auspicious day the eyes of the teeming millions of East Asians are turned towards the Imperial Palace at Tokyo in grateful tribute to the August Virtues of His Imperial Majesty.

The peoples of East Asia have, indeed reason to be grateful to His Imperial Majesty. The outbreak of the Greater East Asia War and the advent of the Imperial Forces of Nippon put an end to the long years of humiliation and servitude which were their lot during the British, American and Dutch regimes. Just as darkness flees before the appearance of the morning Sun, so did the forces of evil represented by the Anglo-Americans, which exploited and oppressed the peoples of East Asia flee before the advent of the liberation forces of His Imperial Majesty.

Indians in East Asia are also joining their other East Asiatic brethren in observing the solemn festivities of the Tencho Setsu. We too are deeply under His Imperial Majesty's debt for the gracious favours we have received at His August Hands. The help rendered to the Indian Independence Movement, the recognition of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, the ceding of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to this Provisional Government are acts which have earned the eternal gratitude of Indians. Nippon's policy of helping India to obtain her freedom is not a measure of expediency or an afterthought of the Greater East Asia War. The stability of Asia and the promotion of world peace are two of Nippon's aims in this war. That there cannot be stability in Asia or peace in the world so long as a vast country like India is not free has always been recognised by Nippon. Therefore His Imperial Majesty's Government had no hesitation in offering us whole-hearted support in our struggle for the independence of our country.

The concluding paragraph of the famous Imperial Rescript of December 8, 2601, declaring war on Britain and the United States contained these awe-inspiring words: "The hallowed spirits of our Imperial Ancestors guarding us from above, We rely upon the loyalty and courage of Our subjects in Our confident expectation that the task bequeathed by Our forefathers will be carried forward and that the sources of evil will be speedily eradicated and an enduring peace immutably established in East Asia, preserving thereby the glory of Our Empire."

His Imperial Majesty's expectation of speedily eradicating the sources of evil, namely, the Anglo-Americans. was realized in an incredibly short time. In Malai, in the Philippines, in the Dutch East Indies and in Burma, the enemies of Nippon were brought to their knees by the gallant and invincible forces of Nippon and forced to surrender unconditionally. And thus ended the long years of oppression and suffering for the peoples of East Asia. It was the dawn of freedom, of a new era of peace and plenty as envisaged in the Imperial Rescript.

But for the gallant men of Nippon, there was to be no rest. They had to obey the August Instructions of TENNO HEIKA of building up enduring peace and prosperity in East Asia. In the midst of a great world war, and while actively engaged in the defence of East Asia, Nippon military administrations were set up in all the liberated areas, and the task of reconstruction was begun in right earnest. With the help of the local peoples and the indefatigable labours of the military administrations, the ravages of war were effaced and East Asia was brought to normalcy in record time.

They began the task of associating the liberated peoples in the administration of their affairs. Not to do so would have been contrary to Nippon's declaration that she was fighting for the establishment of a new order in East Asia, based on mutual co-operation and justice. Nippon never broke her plighted word like the British or the Americans. In a short while the Philippines and Burma were granted independence, and the Indonesian people were definitely promised their independence. Unlike the Anglo-Americans who are out to establish a world order with themselves as the arbiters of the destinies of the weaker and smaller nations, Nippon believes that no order can succeed which does not have the free and willing co-operation of the other nations. That was why the independence of the East Asiatic nations had to be recognised before offering them the membership of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.

However, the good work that was begun at His Imperial Majesty's Command now seems to be threatened by the depradations of the satanic Anglo-Americans. These arch-enemies of Asiatic freedom are out to subjugate the peoples of East Asia once again. In the face of this threat it is the duty of every East Asian to rally round Nippon and offer unstinting co-operation to the Imperial Forces and loyalty to the Person of His Imperial Majesty. Nippon has staked everything in this fight to the finish against the Anglo-Americans. If Nippon wins, we too would share in the victory. Is it not therefore proper that we should also pay for the price of victory?

Let us then on this auspicious day of Tencho Setsu swear once again our loyalty to TENNO HEIKA and voice our determination to consider no sacrifice too great to achieve our common aim of forever destroying the Anglo-American influence from East Asia. Let us also join the 100 million people of Nippon in solemn prayers for the long life and happiness of His Imperial Majesty and for the everlasting glory of the Nippon Empire.


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# Molotov Throws Monkey-Wrench In 'Frisco Parley

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—Who should act as Chairman of the United Nations meeting was settled when Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov at the second extraordinary session of the steering committee this morning accepted the British compromise proposal, according to dispatches from San Francisco.

Under the compromise plan the conference chairmanship rotates among the four big powers but the American leadership in the steering and executive committees in preserved.

The fight over the chairmanship broke out in the closed meeting of the steering committee yesterday when Molotov sprang a surprise by opposing the choice of U.S. Secretary of State Stettinius as sole Chairman of the conference and proposed there should be four chairmen chosen from among sponsoring nations and acting in rotation.

The dispatch said the whole conference has been thrown off its timetable by the chairmanship outbreak. Today's morning session was originally scheduled for another round of speech making but instead the steering committee was called into a second extraordinary and secret session to try to break the deadlock over the chairmanship. Although the dispute ended by the Soviet acceptance of the British compromise proposal, the dispatch said there was widespread fear that the same situation would arise over even more critical issues and the delegates generally took a pessimistic view.

Meanwhile, a report from San Francisco said the steering committee has accepted Russia's demand for three votes in the proposed world assembly but rejected the Soviet request to invite the Warsaw Polish Government to the conference.

# More Nippon Air Heroes Granted Citations

Tokyo, April 27 (Domei)—The War Ministry announced today that a report has been submitted to the Throne that citations have been granted 16 airmen of the special attack air corps who have rendered distinguished services in sinking six enemy warcraft and heavily damaging six others through body-crashing tactics during current operations off the South-western (Ryukyu-) Islands.

The citations were presented to Sub-Lieutenant Hajime Koso, Sergeant Masanori Horiguchi, Sergeant Shinichi Ogawa, Sub-Lieutenants Taku Miyanaga, Katsukichi Yoshimoto, Sadao Omoda, Sergeants Shigeji Uchimura, Ario Seita, Lieutenant Toshimitsu Hirai, Sub-Lieutenants Kunitaka Koshi, Takuzo Nishio, Kojun Kunitani, Kei Katsumata, and Yoshihisa Akizaki and Fukuji Nishikawa.

# Enemy Planes Damaged In Surabaya Raid

Djakarta, April 27 (Domei)—Nippon anti-aircraft batteries heavily damaged two enemy B-24 heavy bombers last Tuesday night, April 24, when three Liberators attacked the Surabaya sector, according to a belated report reaching here today.

# Malaians Fully Co-Operating With Military Administration; Deposits Now Exceed 426 Million Dollars

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That Malaians are fully co-operating with the Authorities in making the livelihood of the people and the economic structure of the country more stable and strong, is amply borne out by the millions of dollars invested in the banks in the form of deposits during the year.

The total amount of deposits received in the Banks since the advent of the Nippon Military Administration stood at the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2605, at $426,290,000.

According to a statement issued by the Malai Banking Association, the total amount received for the year ending March 31, 2605, was $270,831,000, which exceeded the allotted amount of $200,000,000 by $70,831,000.

More than half the amount of the total deposits for the year was received from Syonan, the actual figure being $165,160,000. The amount allotted for Syonan was $108,000,000 for the whole year. Thus it will be seen Syonan exceeded the amount by a sum of $56,712,000.

It is of interest to note that out of the total amount of $486,000,000 for the whole period, Syonan again comes out on top, her contribution being more than half, the total figure being $281,546,000.

The next best depositor province in the country is Selangor whose total figure for the year was $32,511,000.

The only two provinces which fell below the allotted respective amounts for the year are Negri Sembilan and Penang while Johore contributed more than double the allotted amount.

# *Leaders Renew Loyalty To Nippon Government*

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is expected of us until final victory is achieved.

"Therefore, today, let us resolve to redouble our efforts in this direction. This is my message to my Chinese brethren" he concludes

"On behalf of the Eurasian community in Malai, I pledge my community's firm resolve to assist Nippon to the fullest in her fight against the twin-aggressors of humanity for the complete emancipation of Asia and the ensurement of lasting world peace," declares Dr. C. J. Paglar, president of the Eurasian Welfare Association.

The Eurasian leader adds. "Despite the severity of the war situation, we are confident Nippon will ultimately emerge victorious. Through the Imperial Will, one billion Asiatics are today united into one composite bloc of East Asiatic nations guarding with their lives their integrity and status as free men and women in the world of tomorrow."

Syed Mohamed Alkaff, leader of the Arab community says, "On this auspicious day, we the local citizens with strong spirit, unity of purpose and determination should concentrate our entire energies and efforts to co-operate to the fullest extent, thus serving our country and Government in a greater degree than in the past."

# Soviet Official Creates Stir In Washington

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—Washington yesterday was stirred with a diplomatic development arising from the act of the Soviet Charge d'Affaires suddenly to call at the State Department with a diplomatic communication, according to a Washington dispatch.

After two minutes in the office of Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires left. He told eager newsmen, "It's a pity, but I can say nothing."

After the Soviet Charge d'Affaires' departure, Grew immediately walked across the street to the White House, carrying a folded sheet of paper, and ran at once to President Truman's office.

Grew also declined to make a statement, thereby leaving the nature of the diplomatic communication a complete mystery.

# *U.S. Journal Urges More Russo-China Collaboration*

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—New York Herald in its editorial titled "Russia and China" says "the very hint of a change in relations between Russia and China is of interest because of the complex and difficult problems which exist along China's northern frontier. These problems which involve economic interests, territorial claims and political ideology," the paper goes on to say, "are so serious that a few of them could not be disposed of easily even if they were put in the hands of men of goodwill working in a favourable atmosphere.

"It is highly important," it continues, "however, that they be settled. Unless China and Russia can be reasonably good neighbours there will be a constant danger that a third world war may have its beginning somewhere in Central Asia. This situation gives considerable significance to the decision of the Russian delegation to San Francisco to support China's proposal that international disputes be settled 'with due regard for principles of justice and international law,' the paper points out, adding "the Russian move may have wider implications, but at a minimum it is a gesture of goodwill towards the Chinese.

"It is likely intended," the paper opines, "to relieve tension now existing between Russia and China which might be much worse than it is, except for the preoccupation of both countries with the war."

The paper concludes with the remark "There is no inevitability of course of a future conflict or even of unfriendliness between Russia and China."

# Marshal Petain Reported Interned In Fr. Capital

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—Marshal Henri Petain, former Vichy Chief of State, arrived in Paris this morning from Germany via Switzerland and was immediately interned, according to a Reuter dispatch. The aged former French Chief of State fearlessly returned to France to defend the policy of Franco-German collaboration he upheld during the German occupation of France.

# Anglo-Americans And Soviets Meet Near Leipzig

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—The Anglo-Americans and Russians have finally effected junction in the heart of Germany, near Leipzig, cutting the Reich in two, according to anti-Axis reports. They said the juncture occurred yesterday at Torgau, a town on the Elbe River, 75 miles south of Berlin. Patrols had made contact a day earlier.

A report from London said Marshal Stalin tonight announced the capture of Wittenburg on the Elbe River, east of Dessau.

Meanwhile, in wartorn Berlin Marshal Zukov's forces in the northwest sector surged forward three miles during the night, breaking into the workers' district of Moabit and the fringes of the famed Tiergarten, in the centre of the capital, according to a Paris report. It added that the First White Russian Army advanced from industrial Siemanstadt, which was said to have been captured yesterday.

It said that gains were made in the south by Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army which are believed to have completed the occupation of Berlin's main airport of Templehof

Other reports said General Patton's Third Army have invaded Austria and established radio contact with the Russians west of Vienna. They added that the French have closed in to within 31 miles of Munich and 78 miles of the Brenner Pass, toward which the American Fifth Army in Italy is striking from the south. Anti-Axis troops were reported to have entered the northern Italian city of Genoa.

British tanks moved north of Bremen in their drive on Hamburg and manoeuvred to seal off Denmark and Schleswig Holstein. The Canadians were reported to have broken the German Kusten Canal Line and advanced towards Wilhelmshaven and Emden.

# Mariana-Based Super Forts Raid South Kyushu

Fukuoka, April 27 (Domei)—About 150 Mariana-based B-29's in two waves again raided the southern part of Kyushu for about one and a half hours beginning about 8 a.m. this morning. This followed yesterday's B-29 attack on Kyushu and Yamaguchi district.

The main strength comprising approximately 100 'super-forts' invaded via Satsuma and Osumi Peninsula while another group of about 50 planes entered via Bungo Channel. After dropping bombs on the airfields in the vicinities of Izumi, Miyakonojo and Shikaya, as their chief targets, the enemy raiders left shortly after 10.00 a.m. Only slight damage was caused on the ground.

# Nippon Lodges Protest On Awa Maru Sinking

Tokyo, April 27 (Domei)—Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, at the foreign press conference this morning stated that the Nippon Government through the Swiss Government has lodged formal protest to the United States over the sinking of the Awa Maru by a submarine.

The Awa Maru was attacked and sunk by an American undersea craft on April 1 when she was on her homeward voyage under anti-Axis safe conduct guarantees after delivering relief supplies to American prisoners of war and internees in the Southern Regions.

The Spokesman also revealed that Dr. Gotaro Ogawa, Supreme Economic Adviser to Burma was on board the Awa Maru at the time of her sinking. He said Shunichi Kase, Nippon Minister to Switzerland had been instructed by Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo to lodge a formal protest to the United States Government over the sinking of the Awa Maru.

The text of the formal protest, Mr. Iguchi added, which is now on the way to the United States Government through the Swiss Government, will be made public in due course.

# Marshal Petain Arrested On Return To Homeland

Lisbon, April 27 (Domei)—Marshal Philippe Petain, hero of Verdun in the First World War and Chief of State in the days of Vichy, returned to his own country tonight a prisoner, according to Associated Press reports.

Reuter, quoting the French Home Office, said Marshal Petain was arrested shortly after 8 o'clock this evening just as he reached an unrevealed point on the Franco-Swiss frontier. The arrest was made by Chief Inspector Ferrier who is accompanying the 89-year-old Marshal with four other French Investigation Department inspectors who held a number of blank warrants which they signed just as the Marshal crossed the frontier.

Marshal Petain who is returning voluntarily to stand trial on charges of high treason, stepped over the frontier without salute or fanfare.

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